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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/990,442	Applicant(s) ASHKENAZI ET AL.	
	Examiner Joseph F Murphy	Art Unit 1646	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/14/2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 119-124 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 119-124 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>5/28/2002</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Formal Matters

Claims 1-118 were cancelled, and new claims 119-124 were added in the Preliminary Amendment filed 09/03/2002.

Priority

According to the priority statement of 11/14/2001, it appears that priority is being claimed to a large number of utility and provisional applications. These applications appear to be drawn to unrelated subject matter and are either not available for consideration or for which consideration to determine support for the instantly claimed subject matter would require an undue burden. Accordingly, the subject matter defined in claims 119-138 has an effective filing date of 11/14/2001, that of the instant application.

Applicants are requested to provide the serial number and specific page number(s) of any parent application to which priority is desired which specifically supports the particular claim limitation for each and every claim limitation in all the pending claims which applicant considers to have been in possession and fully enabled of prior to 11/14/2001.

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicant should restrict the title to the claimed invention.

The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

Information Disclosure Statement

References A1 and A2 on the IDS submitted 5/28/2002 have been lined through because they are not in the correct format. The citation should include the author and publication date, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 are made under the assumption that the effective filing date for the instantly claimed invention is 11/14/2001, which is the actual filing date of the instant application.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 119-124 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,001,963 (Bergsma et al.).

The '963 patent discloses the cloning and expression of HFGAN72 receptor ligands. The '963 patent further discloses monoclonal, polyclonal and humanized antibodies, as well as fragments of antibodies (column 134, lines 25-42) to these proteins. The '963 patent also discloses labeled antibodies which bind the HFGAN72 polypeptide (column 13, lines 5-10). The claims are anticipated because the HFGAN72 polypeptide sequence shares a sequence of 11 amino acids which are 100% identical (see Sequence Comparison A, attached), thus an antibody to this region would bind to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 119, and the claims are anticipated.

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Advisory Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Murphy whose telephone number is (571) 272-0877. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached on (571) 272-0871.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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